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Dear Mr. Heitmann:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the reconstruction of the I-25/Paseo del Norte Interchange located in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The reconstruction is necessary to reduce highway congestions and to improve highway safety. The FHWA has incorporated measures to minimize and fully mitigate unavoidable impacts.

EPA rates the DEIS as "LO", i.e., EPA has a "Lack of Objections" to the proposed action described in the DEIS. Our classification will be published on the EPA web site: [www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/index.htm), according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Jansky of my staff at (214) 665-7451 or by e-mail at [jansky.michael@epa.gov](mailto:jansky.michael@epa.gov) for assistance.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office one copy of the Final EIS when it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA (Mail Code 2252A), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda M. Smith", is written over the typed name and title.

Rhonda M. Smith  
Chief, Office of Planning  
and Coordination